Minutes - Board Meeting - 01/20/10

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501.

PRESENT: Mayor Jack M. Martins

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Trustee Paul A. Pereira

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney, John M. Spellman

Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero Deputy Village Clerk Cora T. Kelly

Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini

Sunshine Observers: 18 Observers

Mayor Jack M. Martins called the Work Session to order at 6:50 PM.

Four students from Mineola High School to give a presentation on "Hands and Hearts for Haiti" Pancake Breakfast in the school cafeteria on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM to raise money for Haiti earthquake relief. All proceeds will go to the Red Cross and CARE International.

Resolution No. 18-10

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

Yes No Abstain
Mayor Jack M. Martins

Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Resolution No. 19-10

Resolved to approve the membership of the following candidate as recommended by the Mineola Fire Department:

Brendan F. Behan Company No. 1

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

Yes No Abstain

Mayor Jack M. Martins Trustee Lawrence A. Werther Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero presented the December 2009 Justice Court monthly report.

Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini presented an update on an incident involving work permits from National Grid that occurred during the week.

Resolution No. 20-10

Resolved to authorize Alternative Solutions to write and submit an application for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant for the Village of Mineola at a cost not to exceed \$9,750.00.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Vote:

Yes No Abstain

Mayor Jack M. Martins Trustee Lawrence A. Werther Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Mayor Jack M. Martins gave an update on the Garden City Verizon construction noise affecting 13th Avenue residents and efforts to correct this problem.

Mayor Jack M. Martins requested a motion to close the Work Session at 7:15 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther Seconded by Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy

Vote:

Yes No Abstain

Mayor Jack M. Martins Trustee Lawrence A. Werther Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Mayor Jack M. Martins called the Public Meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Jack M. Martins

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Trustee Paul A. Pereira

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney, John M. Spellman

Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero Deputy Village Clerk Cora T. Kelly

Sunshine Observers: 22 Observers

Mayor Jack M. Martins reported on the presentation at the beginning of the Work Session by four Mineola High School students regarding a pancake breakfast fundraiser "Hands and Hearts for Haiti" to raise money for Haiti which would be held in the school cafeteria on Saturday from 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM and thanked them for their efforts and reiterated that this is a community effort organized by the students. Mayor Martins provided an update on the resolution of the noise issue emanating from Verizon's Garden City construction adjacent to residents of 13th Avenue and stated that he has filed a police report with the Garden City Police Department concerning this, adding that he will continue to pursue options until this problem is resolved. Mayor Martins announced that Mineola has been recognized by the LI Index and the Rausch Foundation as the model village on Long Island for Smart Growth initiatives, Master Planning, and Visioning process specifically citing our Downtown revitalization programs.

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther congratulated the Mineola High School students for taking the initiative to organize "Hands and Hearts for Haiti" pancake breakfast and also congratulated the students' parents for raising such fine young men and women. Trustee Werther commented that given the current economy businesses are consolidating and/or closing and encouraged residents to shop Mineola first as these businesses are a vital part of our community and contribute significant taxes to the Village. Trustee Werther reminded everyone that a directory of stores and services is located on the Chamber of Commerce's website

Trustee Paul S. Cusato requested that everyone participate in the Mineola High School fundraiser and help those that are in need.

Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy congratulated the students from the Mineola High School on the "Hands and Hearts for Haiti" fundraising program and encouraged all residents to make an effort to participate. Trustee Kennedy reminded residents to stay alert if approached by someone posing as government employees trying to gain access to their house, and noted that village employees carry ID with them. Residents should ask to see ID before allowing anyone into their home.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira congratulated the Board of Trustees and the Mayor as well as their predecessors on being recognized by the LI Index and the Rausch Foundation and acknowledged the efforts of everyone in obtaining this honor. Trustee Pereira encouraged residents to participate in the Mineola High School fundraiser pancake breakfast and reminded them to bring donations of medical supplies that are badly needed in Haiti.

4 speakers addressed the Board

Mayor Jack M. Martins requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 8:20 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther Seconded by Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy

Vote:

Yes No Abstain

Yes Mayor Jack M. Martins Trustee Lawrence A. Werther Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Trustee Paul A. Pereira